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Multistate Conservation Grant Program; Priority Lists for Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of the priority lists of wildlife and sport fish conservation projects from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Association) for Federal fiscal years (FYs) 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. The Association is required by law to annually submit a list of priority projects to the Service for funding consideration under the Service's Multistate Conservation Grant Program (MSCGP), which funds projects that address regional or national priorities of State fish and wildlife agencies. The Assistant Director for the Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program recommends projects on the list to the Service Director for approval. Once projects are awarded, we must publish each priority list in the *Federal Register*. The FY 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 projects have been awarded.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act of 2000 (Improvement Act; Pub. L. 106-408, Nov. 1, 2000) amended the Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 *et seq.*) and the Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 *et seq.*) and established the Multistate Conservation Grant Program (now known as the Traditional MSCGP, or T-MSCGP). The Improvement Act authorizes us to award grants of up to \$3 million annually from funds available under each of the Acts, for a total of up to \$6 million annually. Projects are selected through a competitive process developed collaboratively by State fish and wildlife agency directors, conservation and sportsmen and sportswomen organizations, and industries that support or promote hunting, trapping, and recreational shooting. Projects can be funded under Wildlife Restoration, Sport Fish Restoration, or both, depending on the project activities. The projects to which we award grants must be on a list of priority projects recommended to us by the Association. The Service Director, exercising the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, need not fund all projects on the list, but all projects funded must be on the Association's recommended list. The Improvement Act provides that funding for MSCGP grants is available in the fiscal year it is appropriated and for the following fiscal year, with any funds remaining after two years apportioned among the States in the manner and for the uses specified under the Wildlife Restoration and Sport Fish

Restoration Acts.

In addition to the Traditional MSCGP found in the Acts, the President signed the Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow's Needs Act (Pub. L. 116–94) into law on December 20, 2019. This law, among other measures, created a new Modern Multistate Conservation Grant Program, which makes available up to an additional \$5 million for projects designed to support recruitment, retention, and reactivation (“R3”) activities. The Service will cite this as the “Modern Multistate Conservation Grant Program” (R3–MSCGP).

The Association and the Service work cooperatively to manage the T–MSCGP and the R3–MSCGP. The Association sets project criteria, reviews grant applications, and provides project oversight, coordination, and guidance. Applicants must provide certification that no activities conducted under either a T–MSCGP or an R3–MSCGP award will promote or encourage opposition to regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife, or to regulated angling or taking of fish. Eligible project proposals are reviewed and ranked by the Association's committees, who consult with interested nongovernmental organizations that represent conservation organizations, sportsmen and sportswomen organizations, and industries that support or promote fishing, hunting, trapping, recreational shooting, bowhunting, or archery. Their selections become the priority list that is submitted to the Service.

The Association's National Grants Committee recommends the final list of priority projects for both programs to the directors of the State fish and wildlife agencies for their approval by majority vote. By statute, the Association then transmits the final approved list to the Service for funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program by October 1 of each FY. The Service then provides an additional review process in accordance with grant regulations within 2 CFR part 200 and awards and administers the financial assistance grants.

Funding Eligibility

Traditional Multistate Conservation Grant Program Funding Eligibility

Recipients awarded under the T–MSCGP may use funds for sport fish or wildlife management and research projects, boating access development, hunter safety and education, aquatic education, fish and wildlife habitat improvements, and other purposes consistent with the enabling legislation.

To be eligible for funding, a project must benefit fish and/or wildlife conservation for at least 26 States, for a majority of the States in any one Service Region, or for one of the regional associations of State fish and wildlife agencies. Grants are awarded to one or more States, a group of States, or one or more nongovernmental organizations. For the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, we may award grants to the Service, if requested by the Association, or to a State or a group of States. The Association also requires that all project proposals address the Association’s selected national strategic priorities for both MSCGPs, which are announced annually at the same time requests for proposals are sent out.

Modern Multistate Conservation Grant Program Funding Eligibility

The Modern Multistate Conservation Grant Program (R3–MSCGP) is a new program, which began awarding grants in FY 2020. The program specifically targets projects that address hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment and that promote a national hunting and shooting sport recruitment program, including related communication and outreach activities.

Fiscal Year Tables

The following sections of this notice set forth the award funding and project priorities by fiscal year for the years FY 2019 through FY 2022. The list below provides abbreviations used in the tables:

Abbreviations Used in Tables

WR Funding	Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration funds
SFR Funding	Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration funds
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
ABC	American Bird Conservancy
AFS	American Fisheries Society
AFWA	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
ASA	American Sportfishing Association
ATA	Archery Trade Association
BCC	Boone and Crockett Club
BCHA	Back Country Hunters and Anglers
CAHSS	Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports
CSU	Colorado State University
CU	Cornell University
CWA	California Waterfowl Association
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease
DWF	Delta Waterfowl Foundation
FAF	Future Angler Foundation
GWF	Georgia Wildlife Federation
IDNR	Iowa Department of Natural Resources
IFC	Instream Flow Council, Inc.
IHEA	International Hunter Education Association—USA
MAFWA	Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources
MMWF	Max McGraw Wildlife Federation
MSU	Michigan State University
NAA	National Archery Association of the United States
NCLEEF	National Conservation Law Enforcement Education Foundation
NCSU	North Carolina State University
NEAFWA	Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
NMDGF	New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
NMWF	New Mexico Wildlife Federation
NORC	National Opinion Research Center
NS	National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation
NSSF	National Shooting Sports Foundation
NWF	National Wildlife Federation
NWTF	National Wild Turkey Federation
OSCF	Outdoor Stewards of Conservation Foundation, Inc.
PF	Pheasants Forever
PSMFC	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
RBFF	Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation
SAF	Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation
SCIF	Safari Club International Foundation
SCWDS	Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study
SEAFWA	Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
SSSF	Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation
TRCP	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
TU	Trout Unlimited
UDWR	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
UGA	University of Georgia
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

UWM	University of Wisconsin—Madison
WAFWA	Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
WEI	Wildlife Ecology Institute
WHISPers	Wildlife Health Information Sharing Partnership
WMI	Wildlife Management Institute
WVDNR	West Virginia Department of Natural Resources

Fiscal Year 2019 Awards; Fund Availability and Priority List

The Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) had a total of \$6,406,590.66 for awards in FY19 from funds carried over from FY 2018, as well as funding that had previously been sequestered; the total request for projects was \$5,817,835.55, leaving a balance of \$588,755.11. The Association provided the Service with a priority list of 39 projects, which included the 3 approved components of the 2016–2021 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation project. The FY 2019 priority list is in table 1. The projects in this list have been awarded.

TABLE 1—FY 2019 TRADITIONAL MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST

ID	Title	Recipient	WR*Funding	SFR Funding	Total FY 2019 Grant
1	Multistate Conservation Grant Program Coordination	AFWA	\$57,900	\$57,900	\$115,800
2	Coordination of Farm Bill Program Implementation to Optimize Fish and Wildlife Benefits to the States	AFWA	\$82,872	\$55,248	\$138,120
3	Coordination of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Authority to Manage Resources in Concert with Federal Actions Required by CITES	AFWA	\$40,800	\$40,800	\$81,600
4	State Fish & Wildlife Agency Technical Workgroup for the 2021 National Survey	AFWA	\$52,285.80	\$52,285.80	\$104,571.60
5	Coordinating and Planning National-Scale Conservation Initiatives through Communications	AFWA	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
6	Implementation and Evaluation of the National Conservation Outreach Strategy	AFWA	\$61,500	\$61,500	\$123,000
7	State Fish & Wildlife Agency Director Travel	AFWA	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
8	Susceptibility of Common North American Game Birds to West Nile Virus	SCWDS	\$81,902	\$0	\$81,902
9	Management Assistance Team and National Conservation Leadership Institute	AFWA	\$299,326.20	\$299,326.20	\$598,652.40
10	Conserving Fish Habitat Collaboratively in the United States Through the National Fish Habitat Partnership	AFWA	\$0	\$250,680	\$250,680
11	Supporting Undergraduate and Legal Education and Occupational Experience in Natural Resource Administration	AFWA	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$57,000
12	Development and Testing of an Improved System for Gathering Harvest Information Data	WMI	\$149,500	\$0	\$149,500
13	Evaluating the Promise of Potential Impacts of R3 Efforts Targeting College Students (Year 2)	NCSU	\$78,563	\$29,058	\$107,621
14	Continued Delivery of Trapping Matters Workshops and Updating a Survey of Conservation Professionals	MMWF	\$97,500	\$0	\$97,500
15	Coordination of the Industry, Federal and State Agency Coalition	AFWA	\$47,784	\$47,784	\$95,568
16	Ensuring State Management Authority of Furbearers through a Multi-Agency, Multi-Organization Approach	WEI	\$98,395	\$0	\$98,395
17	Increasing Awareness and Understanding of State Fish and Wildlife Management: Implementing AFWA Strategic Plan Goal 2	AFWA	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
18	Assessing Trends in Americans' Attitudes Toward Hunting, Sport Shooting, Fishing and Trapping	NSSF	\$20,025.18	\$20,025.18	\$40,050.36
19	Update and Further Development of Standard Sampling Protocols for Inland Fisheries	AFS	\$0	\$77,602	\$77,602
20	Survey and Gap Analysis of North American Grassland Habitat Conservation Efforts	ABC	\$130,272	\$0	\$130,272
21	National Fish Habitat Partnership Tracking Database (Maintenance, Support, and Enhancement)	PSMFC	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
22	Accelerating Development of Effective Leaders in State Fish and Wildlife Agencies	WMI	\$63,250	\$63,250	\$126,500
23	America's Conservation and Hunting Heritage, A National Education Initiative	SCIF	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000
24	Quantify and Communicate the Benefits from WSFR Excise Tax Payments to Strengthen State-Federal-Industry Relations	NSSF	\$86,687.50	\$86,687.50	\$173,375

25	Creating Millennial-Conservationists: Informing and Engaging the Next Generation	WMI	\$74,539.50	\$74,539.50	\$149,079
26	The Missing Link in R3: Making Mentorship Work	WMI	\$162,388	\$0	\$162,388
27	Ensuring the Viability of the American System of Conservation Funding: Improving the Understanding of Excise-Tax-Based Funding for Conservation	WMI	\$74,500	\$74,500	\$149,000
28	Planning for the Future of Conservation Law Enforcement in the United States	NCLEEF	\$228,297.79	\$228,297.79	\$456,595.58
29	Developing Angler Personas to Improve R3 Marketing	ASA	\$0	\$99,800	\$99,800
30	Facilitation and Updating of the National Hunting and Shooting Sports Action Plan	CAHSS	\$170,100	\$18,900	\$189,000
31	An Internal Look at Outdoor Recreation: Agency, Industry, and Nongovernmental Organization Attitudes Toward Fishing, Hunting, Sport Shooting, and Boating	ASA	\$74,865.60	\$74,865.60	\$149,731.20
32	Locavore R3 Workshops, Teaching States How to Attract and Train Locavores to Become Anglers and Hunters	UDWR	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,000
33	Recruiting and Retaining Youth Shooting Sports Participants Through Targeted Marketing, Education, and Peer Networking of Volunteer Coaches	SSSF	\$147,673.41	\$0	\$147,673.41
34	Gettin' Families Fishin': A National Education Initiative	FAF	\$0	\$240,000	\$240,000
35	Improve National Coordination and Conservation Partnerships Through the Development of a Fisheries Gray Literature Database	AFS	\$0	\$63,667	\$63,667
36	Engaging Landowners and Partners in Implementing Farm Bill Programs that Benefit Fish and Wildlife in Riparian Areas	TU	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
37–NS	Method to Deriving State-Level Estimates from the 2016 NS	U.S Census	\$174,333.50	\$174,333.50	\$348,667
38–NS	2016 Fifty-State Survey Reports	Rockville Institute	\$133,786	\$133,786	\$267,572
39–NS	2021 Coordination of the 2021 NS	USFWS	\$126,476.50	\$126,476.50	\$252,953
	TOTALS		\$3,156,022.98	\$2,661,812.57	\$5,817,835.55

* Acronyms and initialisms for all tables are spelled out in the **Abbreviations Used in Tables** section.

Fiscal Year 2020 Awards; Fund Availability and Priority Lists

Traditional Multistate Conservation Grant Program Fund Availability and Priority List

The Service's WSFR program had \$6,939,510.06 available for T-MSCGP awards in FY 2020, after adjusting for sequestered, recovery, and carryover amounts from FY 2019. The total request for projects was \$6,928,632.57, leaving a balance of \$10,877.49. The Association provided the Service with a priority list of 40 projects, which included the 2 approved components of the 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation project. Please note that the Association's Management Assistance Team proposal requesting \$598,799.12 of Multistate funds (Project #25) was provided an additional \$150,000 in Federal funds from the Service's National Conservation Training Center. This funding addition was the result of a signed memorandum of agreement between the Service and the Association. The list is in table 2. The projects in this list have been awarded.

TABLE 2—FY 2020 TRADITIONAL MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST

ID	Title	Recipient	WR* Funding	SFR Funding	Total FY 2020 Grant
1	Coordination of Farm Bill Program Implementation to Optimize On-the-Ground Fish and Wildlife Benefits to the States	AFWA	\$82,872	\$55,248	\$138,120
2	Coordinating and Planning National-Scale Conservation Initiatives by State Fish and Wildlife Agencies	AFWA	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$120,000
3	The North American Conservation Education Strategy—update and align toolkit to work for today’s conservation educators who offer fish and wildlife-based programs	AFWA	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$55,000
4	Introductory Implementation and Evaluation of the National Conservation Outreach Strategy—Part 2	AFWA	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$138,000
5	Advancing K–12 conservation education through improved tools for educators exploring the public trust doctrine, North American Model, and related examples of wildlife management	MMWF	\$31,680	\$7,920	\$39,600
6	Words Matter: Determining How to Engage the American Public Through the Language of Conservation	WMI	\$61,551.69	\$61,551.69	\$123,103.38
7	Coordinating and Planning National-Scale Conservation Initiatives Through Effective Communications	AFWA	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
8	Updating the AFS Blue Book: Standard Methods for Aquatic Pathogen Identification and Fish Health Management	AFS	\$0	\$83,406	\$83,406
9	Characterizing and Mapping Chronic Wasting Disease Prion Strains Across the United States	CSU	\$60,138	\$0	\$60,138
10	Pilot of the WHISPers wildlife mortality event data system	IDNR	\$15,240	\$0	\$15,240
11	Exploring the potential for in utero transmission of CWD prions in white-tailed deer	SCWDS	\$99,741	\$0	\$99,741
12	National Coordination and Technical Assistance for the Prevention, Surveillance, and Management of CWD	WMI	\$99,225	\$0	\$99,225
13	A Novel Genetic Resource To Inform Management of CWD	MDNR	\$138,696.59	\$0	\$138,696.59
14	Coordination of the Industry, Federal and State Agency Coalition	AFWA	\$41,727	\$41,727	\$83,454
15	Angler R3 Program Funding Needs Assessment	RBFF	\$0	\$100,929.60	\$100,929.60
16	Tracking Participation Through Expanded Regional & National License Sales Dashboards	ASA	\$109,830	\$109,830	\$219,660
17	Digital Marketing Techniques to Increase Angler Participation	RBFF	\$0	\$340,000	\$340,000
18	Ensuring the Viability of the American System of Conservation Funding: Improving the Understanding of Excise-tax-based Funding for Conservation	WMI	\$64,579.50	\$64,579.50	\$129,159
19	Increasing Participation and License Sales from Hunter Education Graduates	SAF	\$141,350	\$0	\$141,350
20	Fishing in Schools: A Grassroots Approach	ASA	\$0	\$266,500	\$266,500

	to Increasing Angler Participation				
21	Expansion of R3 and Engagement of the National R3 Implementation Workgroup	CAHSS	\$189,600	\$47,400	\$237,000
22	Sportfishing's 2019 State-Level, Congressional District and Species-Level Economic Impacts	ASA	\$0	\$88,400	\$88,400
23	Coordination of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Authority to Manage Wildlife Resources in Concert with Federal Actions Required by International Treaties, Conventions, Partnerships, and Initiatives	AFWA	\$47,700	\$47,700	\$95,400
24	Combating Trafficking and Illegal Commercialization by Strengthening Communication and Coordination among State and National Conservation Agencies' Law Enforcement Investigations and Intelligence Sections	NCLEEF	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
25	Management Assistance Team and National Conservation Leadership Institute	AFWA	\$299,399.56	\$299,399.56	\$598,799.12
26	Increasing Awareness and Understanding of State Fish and Wildlife Management: Implementing AFWA Strategic Plan Goal 2	AFWA	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
27	Supporting Law, Graduate, and Undergraduate Students' Study of Legal Principles and Professional Experience in Conservation Law and Policy Through a Center of Conservation Excellence	NWTF	\$70,500	\$70,500	\$141,000
28	A Collaborative Network-Based Tool for Improved CWD Management in North America	MDNR	\$99,000	\$0	\$99,000
29	Multistate Conservation Grant Program Coordination	AFWA	\$60,900	\$60,900	\$121,800
30	Examining Societal Acceptance of Hunting and Other Consumptive Uses of Wildlife, in Order to Create and Test Agency Communication Strategies That Promote Public Acceptance and Advance Conservation	MMWF	\$105,730.65	\$18,658.35	\$124,389
31	State Fish and Wildlife Agency Technical Workgroup for the 2021 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (National Survey)	AFWA	\$40,250	\$40,250	\$80,500
32	Capacity Building, Training, and Pilot Testing of the Fish and Wildlife Relevancy Roadmap	WMI	\$87,887.50	\$87,887.50	\$175,775
33	Preparing for the Future of Fish and Wildlife Management	CSU	\$69,785.44	\$69,785.44	\$139,570.88
34	Update and Further Development of Standard Sampling Protocols for Inland Fisheries (Phase 2 of 2)	AFS	\$0	\$97,399	\$97,399
35	Fisheries Research Tracking and Information Exchange Tool	AFS	\$0	\$84,373	\$84,373
36	National Fish Habitat Partnership Project Tracking Database (Maintenance, Support, and Enhancement)	PSMFC	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
37	Development of YY Male Broodstocks for Eradication of Invasive Common Carp Populations	WAFWA	\$0	75,704	\$75,704
38	Assessing the State of Fisheries Research Agendas in the United States and Outlining Best Practices for Development of Agendas	AFS	\$0	\$90,872	\$90,872
39–NS	Coordination Component for the 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation for Year 2020	USFWS	\$130,853.50	\$130,853.50	\$261,707
40–NS	2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (5 years)	NORC	\$807,810	\$807,811	\$1,615,621

	TOTALS		\$3,307,547.43	\$3,621,085.14	\$6,928,632.57
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FY 2020 Modern Multistate Conservation Grant Program Fund Availability and Priority List

FY 2020 was the first year that Modern Multistate Conservation Grant Program (R3–MSCGP) funds became available for award. The Service’s WSFR program had \$4,705,000 available for R3–MSCGP awards after sequestering \$295,000; the total request for projects was the full available amount, leaving a balance of \$0. The Service worked with the Association to make these funds available quickly for eligible projects. The Association provided the Service a priority list of 25 projects; the Service was able to award all projects by early December 2020. The list is in table 3.

TABLE 3—FY 2020 MODERN MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST			
ID	Title	Recipient	Total 2020 R3 Award
1	MAFWA* Regional Small Game Diversity and Inclusion Marketing Toolkit	MAFWA	\$179,200
2	Exploring the R3 Needs and Opportunities of Female Hunters, Shooters, and Archers	CWA	\$245,004.50
3	Helping State Agencies Effectively Recruit and Retain the New Locavore Audience	WMI	\$154,000
4	Strengthening State Agency R3 of Diverse Hunters and Recreational Shooters	TRCP	\$35,500
5	Activating and Converting Target Archers into Hunting and Shooting Sports	NAA	\$78,295
6	Building Community to Retain Women Hunters	NWF	\$221,071
7	Scaling a College-Focused R3 Model	GWF	\$175,300
8	Increase Industry and Agency Relations and Communications by Expanding Partner-with-a-Payer Initiative	NSSF	\$146,112.75
9	Effectively Targeting New Adult Hunters	WMI	\$175,825
10	Increasing Hunting Mentor and Mentee Numbers and Effectiveness	WMI	\$203,821
11	Effective R3 Marketing Strategies	WMI	\$297,500
12	Leveraging Influencers & Content Marketing to Recruit Bowhunters	ATA	\$230,000
13	Email Marketing Best Practices for State Agencies	WMI	\$272,305
14	What is the public really saying about hunting and hunters (and what can we do about it?)	NMDGF	\$120,000
15	Message Testing: National Ad Campaign to Promote Support of and Participation in Hunting and Recreational Shooting	NWTF	\$230,658
16	Advancing R3 Forward	CAHSS	\$450,000
17	Hunting for Conservation Online: A Tool from CLfT to Engage in College R3 Efforts	MMWF	\$74,750
18	Combining States and Industry Resources to Increase R3 Success	NSSF	\$278,900
19	Hunters Connect State Content Delivery System and Database	IHEA	\$174,550
20	Trapping Matters—Communication Message Training Public Harvest of Wildlife	MMWF	\$52,250
21	Frameworks and Standards for R3 Effort and Strategy Evaluation	WMI	\$116,149
22	Development of a Real-time License Data Dashboard	ASA	\$239,450
23	Development of a Hunter Avidity Model to Assess & Improve R3 Participation	SAF	\$207,055
24	Assessing the Quality and Availability of Hunting and Shooting Access in the United States	NSSF	\$224,967.75
25	Hunting and Recreational Shooting Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation Among American Military Members	SAF	\$122,336
TOTAL			\$4,705,000
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FY 2021 Awards; Fund Availability and Priority List

After adjusting for sequestered, recovery, and carryover amounts from FY 2020, the T–MSCGP had \$6,515,283 available for award, and the R3–MSCGP had \$5,010,000 available. The total request for T–MSCGP projects was \$6,488,271.53, leaving a balance of \$27,011.47. The total request for R3–MSCGP projects was \$3,066,603.90, leaving a balance of \$1,943,396.10. Please note that the Association’s Management Assistance Team proposal requesting \$555,277.37 of Multistate funds (Project #10) also was provided an additional \$150,000 in Federal funds from the National Conservation

Training Center. This funding addition was the result of a signed Memorandum of Agreement between the Service and the Association. The Association provided the Service with a single Priority List of 39 proposals, consisting of 22 T–MSCGP projects (including 2 approved components of the 2022–2027 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation project) and 17 R3–MSCGP projects. The list is in table 4. The projects in this list have been awarded.

**TABLE 4—FY 2021 TRADITIONAL MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM AND MODERN
MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST**

ID	Title	Recipient	WR* Funding	SFR Funding	R3 Funding	Total 2021 Grant
1	Communicating the Effects of Climate Change on Fish and Fisheries	AFS	\$0	\$111,870	\$0	\$111,870
2	Surveillance Optimization Project for CWD Dashboard: A Web Application for Disease Visualization and Data-Driven Decisions	CU	\$244,946	\$0	\$0	\$244,946
3	Online Platform for CWD Data Sharing Management in North America	WVDNR	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$225,000
4	Fisheries Gray Literature Database State Agency Expansion and Support	AFS	\$0	\$105,191	\$0	\$105,191
5	Preventing the Spread of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV2) in the United States by Engaging Key Stakeholders in Collaborative Management Solutions	UGA Research Foundation	\$149,797	\$0	\$0	\$149,797
6	Wildlife Viewer Survey: Enhancing Relevancy and Engaging Support from a Broader Constituency	AFWA	\$65,300	\$65,300	\$0	\$130,600
7	An Agency Path Forward: Designing Effective Engagement and Building Capacity for Relevancy	WMI	\$149,721.50	\$149,721.50	\$0	\$299,443
8	State- and Congressional District-Level Economic Impacts for Hunting and Target Shooting	SAF	\$100,308	\$0	\$0	\$100,308
9	Ensuring the Viability of the American System of Conservation Funding: Improving the Understanding of Excise-Tax-Based Funding for Conservation	WMI	\$85,932.50	\$85,932.50	\$0	\$171,865
10	Management Assistance Team and the National Conservation Institute—Leadership Development for AFWA Members and the Conservation Community	AFWA	\$277,638.69	\$277,638.68	\$0	\$555,277.37
11	Instream Flow and Water-Level Conservation Training and Research Center	IFC	\$0	\$119,325	\$0	\$119,325
12	Maintaining Relevancy of the AFWA North American Trapper Education Program for State Fish and Wildlife Agencies	AFWA	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
13	Coordination of Farm Bill	AFWA	\$84,819.60	\$56,546.40	\$0	\$141,366

	Program Implementation to Optimize On-the-Ground Fish and Wildlife Benefits to the States					
14	Coordination of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Authority to Manage Wildlife Resources in Concert with Federal Actions Required by International Treaties, Conventions, Partnerships, and Initiatives	AFWA	\$64,800	\$64,800	\$0	\$129,600
15	Supporting Effective Coordination of Regional & National Conservation Efforts Through State Fish & Wildlife Agencies	AFWA	\$80,869.80	\$80,869.80	\$0	\$161,739.60
16	Coordination of the Industry, Federal and State Agency Coalition	AFWA	\$30,927	\$30,927	\$0	\$61,854
17	Expanding the Community of Support for Fish Habitat Partnership Conservation Efforts	AFWA/ National Fish Habitat Partnership	\$0	\$176,240	\$0	\$176,240
18	Strengthening Awareness of State Fish and Wildlife Management: Support for Legal Strategy and Conservation Law Education Under MSCGP Strategic Priority 4	AFWA	\$60,800	\$60,800	\$0	\$121,600
19	Supporting Law, Graduate and Undergraduate Students' Study of Legal Principles and Professional Experience in Conservation Law and Policy and Providing Opportunity for Practicing Lawyers and Judges' Continuing Legal Education on Conservation Law Under MSCGP Strategic Priority 4	NWTF	\$87,033	\$87,033	\$0	\$174,066
20	Multistate Conservation Grant Program Coordination	AFWA	\$45,049.20	\$45,049.20	\$38,613.60	\$128,712
21	Measuring the Efficacy of State Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) Efforts: A Quantitative Approach	WMI	\$0	\$0	\$137,530	\$137,530
22	R3 Specific Evaluation and Social Science Training and Resources for the Modern R3 Practitioner	MAFWA	\$0	\$0	\$127,573	\$127,573
23	Meet Demand by Building Shooting Ranges with Excise Taxes	NSSF	\$0	\$0	\$102,500	\$102,500
24	Effective R3 Marketing Strategies	WMI for the Association of Conservation Information	\$0	\$0	\$297,500	\$297,500
25	Testing and Implementation of the Hunter Avidity Model to Assess & Improve R3 Participation	SAF	\$0	\$0	\$112,340	\$112,340

26	Winning at the Point of Contact: Boosting R3 Response Rates Through Professional Communications	WMI for NEAFWA	\$0	\$0	\$135,000	\$135,000
27	Utilizing Data Driven Marketing Strategies to Enhance New Audience Engagement, R3 Curriculum Development and Program Efficacy	BCHA	\$0	\$0	\$156,000	\$156,000
28	Creating a Hunting Mentor Communication Toolkit	PF for MAFWA	\$0	\$0	\$139,865	\$139,865
29	Modernizing Trapping Matters Professional Development Workshops and Wild Fur Schools Delivery Through Updated Messaging and the Creation of Distance Learning Modules	MMWF	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
30	Converting 2020's Surge of New Firearm and Hunting License Owners into Active Hunters and Target Shooters	NSSF	\$0	\$0	\$136,500	\$136,500
31	Retaining 2020's Surge of Licensed Anglers	AFS	\$0	\$188,712	\$0	\$188,712
32	Asset Creation: National Ad Campaign to Promote Support for and Participation in Hunting and Shooting	NWTF	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
33	Tracking Participation Through Expanded, Faster License Data Dashboards	ASA	\$0	\$160,562.16	\$121,125.84	\$281,688
34	Facilitation of National R3 Strategies	CAHSS	\$0	\$0	\$652,850	\$652,850
35	Effectiveness of Hunter Education Delivery: Finding the Missing Data	IHEA	\$0	\$0	\$143,794	\$143,794
36	Archers USA Varsity Archery Next Step Program Taking Recruitment into Retention, Transitioning the National Archery in the Schools Program Participants into Bowhunters	ATA	\$0	\$0	\$175,000	\$175,000
37	Hunter Education in a Post-COVID-19 World	IHEA	\$0	\$0	\$140,412.46	\$140,412.46
38-NS	Coordination Component for the 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation for Year 2020	USFWS	\$132,777.50	\$132,777.50	\$0	\$265,555
39-NS	2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (5 years)	NORC	\$1,251,628	\$1,251,628	\$0	\$2,503,256
	TOTALS		\$3,237,347.79	\$3,250,923.74	\$3,066,603.90	\$9,554,875.43
* Acronyms and initialisms for all tables are spelled out in the Abbreviations Used in Tables section.						

FY 2022 Awards; Fund Availability and Priority List

After adjusting for sequestered, recovery, and carryover amounts from FY 2021, the T–MSCGP had \$6,598,154.68 available for award. The total request for T–MSCGP projects was \$6,571,005.97, leaving a balance of \$27,148.71. After adjusting for sequestered, recovery, and carryover amounts from FY 2021, the R3–MSCGP had \$7,045,896.10 available. The total request for R3–MSCGP projects was \$5,318,864.91, leaving a balance of \$1,727,031.19. Please note that the Association’s Management Assistance Team proposal requesting \$560,000 of Multistate funds (Project #18) was provided an additional \$150,000 in Federal funds from the National Conservation Training Center. This funding addition is the result of a signed memorandum of agreement between the Service and the Association. The Association provided the Service with a Priority List of 44 proposals, consisting of 20 T–MSCGP projects (including 2 approved components of the 2022–2027 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation project) and 24 R3–MSCGP projects. The list is in table 5. The projects in this list have been awarded.

TABLE 5—FY 2022 TRADITIONAL MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM AND MODERN MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST						
ID	Title	Recipient	WR* Funding	SFR Funding	R3 Funding	Total 2022 Grant
1	Modernizing Fish Hatchery Management (aka the ‘Piper Manual’ or ‘Black Book’), the How-to Manual for Practicing Fish Culturists	AFS	\$0	\$123,554.60	\$0	\$123,554.60
2	Utilizing a Novel Genetic Resource to Inform Management of CWD	MDNR	\$199,061	\$0	\$0	\$199,061
3	Improve PKD Diagnostics and Assess the Impact of <i>Tetracapsuloides bryosalmonae</i> Infection on North American Salmonids	MSU	\$0	\$145,844.37	\$0	\$145,844.37
4	Contaminant Loads in Waterfowl of the NE Atlantic Flyway: New Threats and Outdated Advisories	CU	\$280,959	\$0	\$0	\$280,959
5	Burial Disposal of CWD-Infected Carcasses: Migration and Decontamination of Prions in Model Landfill Substrates	UWM	\$193,581	\$0	\$0	\$193,581

6	Advancing Implementation of the Fish and Wildlife Relevancy Roadmap	WMI	\$79,425	\$79,425	\$79,425	\$238,275
7	Ensuring the Viability of the American System of Conservation Funding: Improving the Understanding of Excise-Tax-Based Funding for Conservation	WMI	\$75,191	\$65,190	\$0	\$140,381
8	Social Listening for Relevancy	WMI	\$66,187.50	\$66,187.50	\$0	\$132,375
9	Modernize the Organization, Authority, and Programs of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies Report	WMI	\$103,450	\$58,756	\$0	\$162,206
10	Best Practices for Cultivating Diverse Fish and Wildlife Agency Workforces	CSU	\$71,574	\$71,574	\$0	\$143,148
11	Developing Your Why: An Assessment of WAFWA Member States' DEI Journey	WAFWA	\$37,293	\$37,293	\$0	\$74,586
12	New Mexico Wildlife Federation: Mi Tierra Salvaje	NMWF	\$95,400	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$245,400
13	Development of Consistent Policy and Law to Prevent Translocation of Feral Swine	WMI	\$93,555	\$0	\$0	\$93,555
14	Coordination of Farm Bill Program Implementation to Optimize On-the-Ground Fish and Wildlife Benefits to the States	AFWA	\$78,120	\$52,080	\$0	\$130,200
15	Exploring the motivations and deterrents of wildlife poachers, the true conservation costs of wildlife crime, and developing an approach to ensure restitution, fines, and penalties fit the crimes	BCC	\$205,272	\$0	\$0	\$205,272
16	Strengthening Awareness of State Fish and Wildlife Management: Support for Legal Strategy and Conservation Law Education Under MSCGP Strategic Priority 4	AFWA	\$14,240	\$14,240	\$0	\$28,480
17	Supporting Undergraduate/ Graduate/Law Students' & Post-Graduates' Education & Professional Experience in Conservation Law & Policy	NWTF	\$75,452.50	\$75,452.50	\$0	\$150,905
18	Increasing Conservation Management Capacity Through Skills, Leadership, and Knowledge Development	AFWA	\$280,000	\$280,000	\$0	\$560,000
19	Multistate Conservation Grant Program Management	AFWA	\$58,680	\$58,680	\$58,680	\$176,040
20	Coordination of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Authority to Manage Wildlife Resources in Concert with Federal Actions Required by International Treaties, Conventions, Partnerships, and Initiatives	AFWA	\$64,800	\$64,800	\$0	\$129,600
21	Coordination of National-Scale Conservation Efforts by State Fish & Wildlife	AFWA	\$101,870	\$101,870	\$0	\$203,740

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